

Application Serial No. 09/869,789
Amendment dated August 18, 2004
Reply to Final Office Action dated May 20, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As requested by Examiner Noland, submitted herewith is the complete translation as originally filed including the replacement pages inserted where appropriate. It is requested that this translation (including the replacement pages) be utilized when printing the patent and as the basis for the amendments to the specification resubmitted herewith.

If the amendments to the specification do not appear in order for any reason whatsoever, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned.

The indication of allowability of Claims 34, 35 and 37 is noted with appreciation. In order to place the application in condition for allowance, Claim 34 is now presented in independent form and includes the limitations of Claims 28 and 30. It is therefore submitted that this claim and dependent Claims 35 and 37 are in condition for allowance. The remaining claims have been canceled.

Since this amendment responds to the objections noted by the Examiner and cancels all non-allowed claims, it should be entered under 37 C.F.R. 1.113 as placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 260-460-1692 if any outstanding issues remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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